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SUBJECT: LULWA AWADHI: CONTROVERSIAL WOMEN'S ACTIVIST

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Classified By: CDA Christopher Henzel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(C) Summary: Lulwa Awadhi, head of a women's foundation backed by the Bahraini government, acts as the arbiter for virtually all programming
- 2.(C) Lulwa Awadhi achieved her position as the Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) and her former position as the Chairma
- 3.(C) Awadhi's reputation took a hit this July when the government launched an investigation of BIPD's former executive director and two of his
- 4.(C) Otaibi speaks from personal experience. She took her MEPI small grant, to train women to run campaigns and as candidates ahead of the aut
- 5.(C) Otaibi offered a few suggestions for working with Awadhi, noting that her ego demands periodic stroking and that she feels like she was t
16. (C) Comment: Awadhi will remain a key contact for us, and for Washington-based implementers, for all of our women's programming, and perhap